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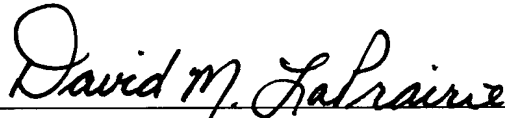
After entry of the subject Preliminary Amendment claims 1-8 remain in the application with claims 1 and 4 in independent form. More specifically, in this amendment, claims 1, 3-4, and 6 have been amended, claims 7-8 have been added, and claims 2 and 5 remain unchanged. The specification has been amended to state the claim of priority in addition to the claim of priority which is stated on Transmittal Form PTO-1390. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account no. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David M. LaPrairie", is written over a horizontal line.

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